

## News Release

# Successful Ag Activities Day Held at U of M Crookston Hosting Some 1300 Students

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These high school students from Fertile, Minn., were part of the 1300 students participating in Ag Activities Day.

CROOKSTON, MN (December 7, 2006) – For the last 25 years, Ag Activities Day has been held at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The day gives high school students the chance to participate in activities in agriculture resulting in scholarship awards. This year's event held Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, hosted some 1,300 high school students from all over the region who came to participate in 18 contests ranging from Ag Mechanics, Ag Sales, and Dairy to Wildlife and Hippology.

In the afternoon, an awards ceremony was held to announce the individual winners, as well as to recognize the top three teams. Each team score was tabulated from the top three individuals from each participating school or chapter. This year \$32,000 of scholarship money allowed the awarding of individual UMC scholarships in the amount of \$750 for the first place individual, \$600 for the second place individual and \$450 for the third place individual.

First place individuals were Austin Link, New York Mills, Minn., in Dairy Judging; Kristine Neu, Pelican Rapids, Minn., in Nursery and Landscape; Andrew Thronson, Mahnomen, Minn., in Soils; Victoria Peterson, Long Prairie, Minn., in Hippology; Paul Schiller, Stillwater, Minn., Forestry; Stephanie Amiot, Thief River Falls, Minn., in Small Animals; Jeran Hilde, Ada Borup, Minn., in Dairy Foods; Nolan Jeral, Hawley, Minn., in Ag Sales; Ben Fuglie, Ulen-Hitterdahl, Minn., in Farm Management; and Jake Hein in Wildlife and Nicole Chessmen in Floriculture both from Grand Rapids, Minn.

Mahnomen, Minn., had three first place finishing teams in Farm Management, Dairy Judging and Soils. Pelican Rapids, Minn., had two teams taking first place finishes in Nursery/Landscape and Ag Sales; and Grand Rapids, Minn., had two first place finishes in Floriculture and Wildlife. Teams taking first place in other contests were Thief River Falls, Minn., in Small Animals; Lake Park-Audubon, Minn., in Meats; Greenbush-Middle River, Minn., in General Livestock; Ada-Borup, Minn., in Dairy Foods; and Hawley, Minn., in Hippology.

Ag Activities Day fits the mission of the UMC Agriculture Department to provide exemplary polytechnic learning through teaching, applied research and collaborative outreach interactions. Students participating in the activities learn skills to help them in future educational and leadership pursuits. To view all the results of the Ag Activities Day contests.

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